

JUVENILE HALLS

The San Bernardino County Probation Department operates two Juvenile Hall facilities. Central Juvenile Hall in San Bernardino has a Board of Corrections' approved capacity of 277 youth, while the West Valley Juvenile Hall (located in Rancho Cucamonga) currently has a capacity for 22 youth, which will increase to 182 with the completion of the full facility. Each is subject to statutory regulations for operations and programs.

The Probation Department is required to house juveniles in a secure, safe and humane environment. Juveniles are detained for court hearings or under court orders to effect a return home; for suitable placement; for commitment to the California Youth Authority; for trial disposition in adult court; and for commitment to state prison via delivery to the California Youth Authority. In the last five years, the housed juvenile population has transitioned to be almost entirely felons with violent booking offenses and/or violent backgrounds.

Central Juvenile Hall serves four Juvenile Courts; two located on-site, one in Victorville and one in Rancho Cucamonga. Off-site medical needs are met at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton. In-custody transportation is a large part of the mission of the DCB.

Time in detention continues to serve as an opportunity for a close assessment of juveniles, which can lead to a better evaluation of the juvenile and development of an appropriate plan of action. While in detention, each minor is actively involved in educational and exercise programs. From this population, selected medium-risk and well-behaved minors are offered additional experience in on-grounds vocational programs directed towards developing horticultural, landscaping and basic general maintenance skills.

PREP (Preparation Readiness Evaluation Program)

This program provides a complete assessment of youth who have not been successful in previous out-of-home settings. The desired outcome is to better match their needs to placement alternatives or to design programming that will enable the youth to be more successful. The thirty-day assessment program is a multi-agency approach which partners Probation, Public Health, Behavioral Health, County Schools, Public Social Services and Community based service providers.

POST ADJUDICATION PROGRAMS

REGIONAL YOUTH EDUCATIONAL FACILITY

The Regional Youth Educational Facility is a residential program for San Bernardino and Riverside County wards who come under Section 602 of WIC. It is a 40-bed facility for 16-18 year old males who have an extensive delinquent and criminal history and have experienced prior placement attempts and interventions.

The program is 10 to 15 months in duration, which includes six to nine months in the residential facility, followed by four to six months of aftercare. A carefully designed level system is utilized to assist a youth in developing, practicing and internalizing effective community survival skills, learning to accept responsibility, and to establish accountability for personal behavior and decisions. The ultimate goal is to return these young men into the community as law abiding and productive citizens.

Specific program components include a GED Program, a career vocational training program, Regional Occupational Programs, a career educational program (update of PEST), and San Bernardino Valley College and trade school classes. Other aspects include competency-based remedial education, payment of restitution, community service projects, a victims awareness program, a literacy program, parenting skills classes, male image classes, gang intervention, and substance abuse services. Volunteers are involved in a multitude of ways. They assist in areas of religious programming, drug and alcohol programs, tutoring, parenting classes and Big Brother activities.

HEART BAR

The Heart Bar Camp facility was opened with the support and cooperation of the U.S. Department of Forestry. It provides a 90-day highly structured wilderness experience for delinquent boys ages 16 and 17. The program focuses on developing those traits and skills necessary to build self-reliance and obtain a successful emancipation. Program elements include school, individual and group counseling, work experience, forestry and community work projects and activities geared to the development of a reasoning mind and a sound body.

KUIPER YOUTH CENTER

The Kuiper Youth Center (KYC) girls' program is a 21-bed residential program for delinquent girls.

The target population is juvenile female wards of the Court, ages 13 through 18, in need of a highly structured, out-of-home placement who are academically behind in school and educable. Placement is made by a Juvenile Court order. A female ward entering the program will typically have failed at opportunities to modify her behavior while on probation and may have had a serious prior record.

The program offers six to nine months of residence followed by four to six months of aftercare supervision. The program emphasizes a highly structured level system designed to guide a ward toward developing, practicing and internalizing effective adult/community survival skills.

Treatment components include general education, career education, GED, ROP, computer training, community service projects, restitution, victims' awareness classes, medical services, including family planning clinics, weight/fitness program, community, cultural and recreational program, counseling, individual, group and family therapy, Female Gang Reduction Intervention Program (GRIP); client-parent re-entry class, and substance abuse counseling.



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